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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:) CI	napter 7
OAHU SUGAR COMPANY, LLC,	Ca	ase No. 05-15100
Debtor.	\ Ho	on. Timothy A. Barnes
) He	earing Date: June 4, 2019 earing Time: 10:30 a.m. ourtroom: 744

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, we shall appear before the Honorable Timothy A. Barnes of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, or whomever may be sitting in his stead in Courtroom 744, and then and there present the FINAL APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL FOR THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE BY PATRICK M. JONES, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2018 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 20, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

Dated: May 6, 2019 PMJ PLLC

By: <u>/s/ Patrick M. Jones</u>
Counsel for Alex D. Moglia,
as Chapter 7 Trustee

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COVER SHEET

NAME OF APPLICANT: Patrick M. Jones and PMJ LLC

ROLE IN CASE: Attorneys for the Alex Moglia, not individually but solely as the Chapter 7 Trustee

DATE OF ORDER AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT: February 15, 2017

FEES AND EXPENSES PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED: \$37,875.00 of fees and expenses in an amount of \$124.20 (Dkt. #213), and \$17,362.50 of fees and expenses in the amount of \$674.30 (Dkt. #245)

CURRENT APPLICATION PERIOD: Feb. 16, 2018 through March 20, 2019

FEES REQUESTED: \$9,750.00

EXPENSES REQUESTED: \$195.20

Name of Professional	Type of Professional	Rate	Hours Billed	Total
Patrick M. Jones	Attorney	\$325.00	30.0	\$9,750.00
			EXPENSES	\$195.20
		TOTALS:		\$9,945.20

Dated: May 6, 2019 PMJ PLLC

By: /s/ Patrick M. Jones

Counsel for Alex D. Moglia, as Chapter 7 Trustee

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FINAL APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL FOR THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE BY STAHL COWEN CROWLEY ADDIS LLC, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2018

THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 20, 2019

Patrick M. Jones and PMJ PLLC ("<u>PMJ</u>"), attorneys for Alex D. Moglia, not individually but solely as the Chapter 7 trustee appointed in the above-captioned case (the "<u>Trustee</u>"), files this application for compensation for fees for services rendered and costs incurred for the period February 16, 2018 through and including March 20, 2019 (the "<u>Application</u>"). In support of the Application, PMJ states as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The district courts have jurisdiction over this case pursuant to Section 1334 of Title 28 of the United States Code. Pursuant to Section 157(a) of Title 28 of the U.S. Code, this case is properly referred to the bankruptcy court. Pursuant to Section 157(b)(1) and Sections 157(b)(2)(A) and (O) of Title 28 of the U.S. Code, and Internal Operating Procedure 15 of the Internal Operating Procedures of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, this case is properly referred to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. When it filed the petition for relief, the Debtor resided in Cook County, so pursuant to Section 1408(1) of Title 28 of the U.S. Code venue for this case is proper in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

BACKGROUND

1. This case was commenced by the filing for relief pursuant to Chapter 7 of the

Bankruptcy Code on April 19, 2005 (the "Petition Date").

- On June 23, 2014, the Court entered and Order authorizing the substitution of Stahl Cowan Crowley Addis LLC as counsel for the Trustee.
- 3. On February 15, 2017, Trustee filed a substitution of counsel (Doc. #186) substituting his counsel, Patrick M. Jones and Stahl Cowan Crowley Addis LLC, with Patrick M. Jones and PMJ PLLC.
- 4. PMJ seeks the allowance and payment of its allowed fees on a *pro rata* basis from available funds at the discretion of the Trustee.
- 5. The sole counsel for PMJ PLLC for the Trustee has been Patrick M. Jones. The standard rate charged by Patrick M. Jones for routine, non-complicated matters, without considering the size and degree of responsibility, difficulty, complexity, and results achieved is \$325 per hour.
- 6. By this application, PMJ and the Trustee seek allowance of \$9,750.00 in fees and \$195.20 in expenses incurred by PMJ on behalf of the Trustee the period of February 16, 2018 through and March 20, 2019.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION

7. All professional services for which allowance of compensation is requested were performed by PMJ for and on behalf of the Trustee. During the relevant period, PMJ rendered a total of 30.0 hours of professional services on behalf of the Trustee. The time spent by Attorneys and other professionals is as follows:

Name of Professional	Type of Professional	Hours Worked
Patrick M. Jones	Attorney	30

A complete accounting of the foregoing time is provided in Exhibit A.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

8. Actual expenses advanced by PMJ on behalf of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate

from February 16, 2017 through March 20, 2019 totaled \$195.20. The expenses are itemized in detail on Exhibit A.

COMPENSATION PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

- 9. This is the final Application for compensation filed by PMJ. Previous fee applications filed on behalf of Patrick M. Jones and PMJ PLLC approved fees in an amount of \$37,875.00, and expenses in an amount of \$124.20 (Dkt. #213) and fees in an amount of \$17,362.50, and expenses in the amount of \$674.30 (Dkt. #245).
- 10. Due to the limited funds available to pay for the administration of the estate, PMJ PLLC has agreed to waive prior approved fees and expenses, and receive its pro rata distribution of the remaining estate funds based solely on this final fee application.

NO REQUEST FOR INTERIM PAYMENT OF FEES

11. PMJ does not now seek payment of its allowed fees. PMJ seeks only the allowance of the requested fees and authorization for the Trustee to pay the allowed fees to the extent that funds are available.

BILLING RATES

- 12. Primary counsel for the Trustee has been Patrick M. Jones. The standard rate charged by Patrick M. Jones for routine, non-complicated matters, without considering the size and degree of responsibility, difficulty, complexity, and results achieved is \$325 per hour.
- 13. The rates charged by PMJ as set forth herein are customary for bankruptcy attorneys of similar skill and reputation. For services of the type rendered herein where those services were performed for a private client, PMJ would charge a reasonable fee for services rendered, on an hourly rate or, in addition, a contingent or fixed fee basis. The fee requested by PMJ is comparable to those fees which would be charged to a private client for similar

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services rendered by PMJ.

14. The rates charged by the participating attorneys and paraprofessionals, as set forth in the Exhibit are well within the range charged by attorneys of similar skill and reputation in the area of bankruptcy and commercial law.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

- 15. During this compensation period, on behalf of the Trustee, PMJ performed the following services which materially benefited the bankruptcy estate:
- a. Met with counsel for insurer, Debtor's parent company and primary insured Kaanapali Land, LLC, counsel to trustee in related bankruptcy case D/C Distribution LLC, and key creditors U.S. Navy and Environmental Protection Agency in an effort to negotiate a settlement of asserted interests in the insurance policies that would permit Trustee to resolve claims and close the Debtor's bankruptcy case in a manner that protects the best interests of the bankruptcy estate.
- b. Researched the Trustee's legal authority to assign bankruptcy estate's interest in insurance policies.
- c. Researched the validity of the claims against the policies asserted by creditors of the D/C Distribution bankruptcy estate.
- d. Drafted a motion to modify the automatic stay in the D/C Distribution bankruptcy case in an effort to allow the Trustee to file a final report and close the Oahu Sugar bankruptcy case.
 - e. Drafted a final fee application.
 - f. Attended various status hearings.
- g. Performed various other services related to the administration of the bankruptcy case.

16. PMJ has rendered the appropriate, necessary services to the Trustee in this case. Exhibit A provides a detailed record of all of the services rendered by PMJ.

MATTER SUMMARY

- 17. During the time relevant to this fee application, the time spent by PMJ and its attorneys has been focused entirely on its efforts to assess the various claimed interests in the insurance policies, and resolve those interests in a manner that is in the best interests of the creditors of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate and which would allow the Trustee to close the bankruptcy case. A detailed explanation of the services PMJ performed within these matters is included on Exhibit A.
- 18. The complexity of the insurance policies involved, the various interests asserted in those policies (rightly or wrongly), and the sometimes conflicting interests of the key parties involved have complicated this matter beyond what might be expected from a routine settlement negotiation. The amount requested by PMJ is not unreasonable in terms of awards in cases of like magnitude and complexity.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

19. PMJ has positioned the Trustee to make a factually and legally informed decision regarding the bankruptcy estate's interests in the insurance policies to take the necessary steps to fully liquidate the estate in the best interests of its creditors. Although resolution of this matter is on-going, the Trustee expects this case to be resolved in the next few months.

NOTICE

20. Notice of this Application is being provided electronically to all parties who have requested electronic notice and by U.S. Mail to the Trustee, the U.S. Trustee's Office, and all creditors on the creditors' matrix. Since this is an interim application, PMJ and the

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Trustee request that notice heretofore provided is deemed adequate under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, PMJ seeks the allowance of \$9,945.20 for services provided and expenses incurred between February 16, 2018 and March 20, 2019, and for such other relief as this Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: May 6, 2019 PMJ PLLC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Patrick M. Jones, an attorney, hereby certify that on May 6, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING and FINAL APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL FOR THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE BY PATRICK M. JONES AND PMJ PLLC, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2018 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 20, 2019 to be filed electronically. Notice of the filing will be sent to all parties who are currently on the Court's Electronic Mail Notice List by operation of the Court's Electronic Filing System. In addition, copies were served this day upon the parties listed on the attached Service List via first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or as otherwise indicated.

/s/ PATRICK M. JONES